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RESPONSE

Attention: Examiner Dionne Walls, Art Unit 1731

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Sir:

This is an amendment and response to the office action dated August 27, 2002 in the above-referenced application. A response is due by November 27, 2002.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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- 276. (twice amended) A tobacco product, comprising:
- (a) a sheet of tobacco-containing material that is flavored with a liquid additive that provides an elevated moisture content to the sheet of material;
 - (b) a longitudinal bore defined when the sheet is formed into a hollow tube;
 - (c) the longitudinal bore being not completely filled with a tobacco filler product; and

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